KOLE COMMITTEE

143. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the date on which the Kole Committee was constituted;

(*b*) what are the powers and responsibilities of the above committee;

(*c*) who are the existing office-bearers of the committee;

(*d*) whether the Government have got any Report of their work from the committee during the years 1119 and 1120 and if so to append the same to the answer to this question;

(*e*) whether they have received any complaint from the public regarding the constitution and the working of the committee?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a* and *b*) A copy of letter, dated 8th Dhanu 1119 from the President, Kole Committee, is appended. (Appendix III)

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME—PARTICULARS OF

144. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of water that was stored up in the Mullurkayal in 1119 and the area over which it was stored;

(*b*) the extent of kole lands which were benefited by the water;

(*c*) the amount that was spent on the scheme;

(*d*) the number of cultivators from whom cess was levied and the total amount of cess so levied?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The water stored in the Mullurkayal area will be about 2432 acre ft. It was stored in an area of about 608 acres.

(*b*) 13,684 acres.

(*c*) Rs. 48,044—12—0.

(*d*) No cess has yet been collected. Action is in progress in this behalf.

ROADS—MAINTENANCE OF

145 Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) why earth is spread on the roads;

(*b*) how many times it is done every year;

(*c*) when was this practice begun;

(*d*) does it not make the road extremely muddy and slippery in the rain and dusty in the sun;

(*e*) is this begun to be done on any expert's opinion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Sligat binding soon after the rains by gravelly earth protects the road from excessive wear besides making it smoother for traffic.

(*b*) Thrice

(*c*) Blinding with gravelly earth was being done for a very long time. The practice of doing this three times a year was stated from the year 1118.

(*d*) If the blinding is done of clay instead or gravelly earth, there is a tendency for the surface to get slushy for a day or two. The treatment might make the road slightly more dusty.

(*e*) This is the practice on all important roads even outside the State.

ROAD CONNECTING THAZHAKKAD ROAD WITH KARANCHIRA BRIDGE

146. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) in which year the construction of the road connecting Thazhakkad road with Karanchira bridge was sanctioned;

(*b*) the amount allotted to be spent in 1119, 1120 and 1121;

(*c*) whether the amounts allotted for 1119 and 1120 has been spent;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative, the cause for not spending these amounts in

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spite of repeated requests by the people to begin the construction of the road as early as possible ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) This road is provided for in the Road Board programme sanctioned in July 1944.

(*b*) Rs. 2,500, 3,000 and 3,000 respectively.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The provision in the Road Board programme is only Rs. 8,500 but the acquisition charges are Rs. 13,660. The delay was due to want of sufficient allotment.

KATTUR—KAKKATHURUTHY ROAD

147. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was a statement by the Government on the floor of the Legislative Council in 1116 that the construction of the Kattur Kakkathuruthy road will begin in the next year ;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to state in what stage at present is the construction of that road ;

(*c*) will Government also state the cause for the delay in the construction of this road in spite of repeated requests and reminders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) It was stated then that the next Road Board will allot funds for the construction of this road.

(*b*) Land acquisition proceedings are over and the amount has been paid.

(*c*) The sum of Rs. 5,000 originally allotted was not sufficient even for the acquisition charges, and hence the delay.

148. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) in which year the construction of the Kattur Kakkathuruthy road was sanctioned ;

(*b*) the amount allotted to be spent in each year ;

(*c*) whether the amounts alloted to each year have been spent ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative, why those amounts were not spent in the years for which they were allotted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) This road was approved by the Road Board in 1112 and a token grant of Rs. 5,000 was alloted. This was not sufficient even for Land Acquisition charges, and an additional sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by the Road Board in 1118.

(*b*) Rs. 2,500 in 1115 and Rs. 2,500 in 1116.

(*c*) See answer to (*d*).

(*d*) The question of spending any money on acquisition before the full amount required for acquisition is in hand was considered unjustified ; and so no money was spent in the years given in the answer to sub-division (*b*). The land acquisition charges have now been paid.

MATHILAKOM ROAD

149. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Government have knowledge that the Mathilakom road especially the portion of the road from the Areepalom bridge to the river is in a miserable condition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

Government are aware that this portion of the road is not in a good condition.

KUNNAMKULAM—VADAKKANCHERI ROAD THROUGH NELLUVAYA, THICHUR, ETC., VILLAGES

150. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Chief Engineer has received a mass petition from the people of Nelluvai, Thichur, Thaly and Arangottukara, Talappally Taluk, in regard to the urgent necessity of opening a road from Kunnamkulam-Vadakkancheri road so as to run through the above-said villages;

(*b*) if so, what the Government intend to do in that matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Land acquisition papers for opening the road up to Thichur have been prepared. This portion of the road work will be taken up soon.

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